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In re Application of:

Handfield, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: TBD

Docket No.: 01-662

For: **Identification of *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans* antigens for use in the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of periodontal disease**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A check for forty-two dollars (\$42) for an additional independent claim is enclosed. It is believed that no further fee is due to make this filing complete; however, if a fee or credit is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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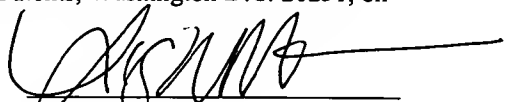
IN THE CLAIMS:

28. (New) A method of detecting presence of an *A. actinomycetemcomitans* antibody in a test sample comprising:

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